(d) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Introduction of new scheme regarding DEPB

3260. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new scheme regarding Duty Entitlement Passbook as the present scheme has not found acceptability amongst large number of exporters;

(b) what are the new salient points of the proposed scheme and whether the views of professional bodies like FICCI, CIL, Export Council of India, etc. have been taken into consideration; and

(c) what is the time-frame for introduction of the proposed scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) For next one year, Government does not propose to introduce any scheme replacing the Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme.

(b) and (c) In view of answer at (a), not applicable.

Setting up of Gender Budget Units in 18 Ministries

3261. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in his Budget speech last year (2005-06) it had been mentioned about setting up Gender Budget Units in 18 Ministries as well as making benefit-incidence analysis to see if allocated money was being effectively spent or not; and

(b) what action was taken in the matter and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Gender Budgeting Cells have been set up in 32 Ministries/Departments. Nine Ministries and Departments have also initiated an exercise under the guidance of Ministry of Women & Child Development and National Institute of Public Finance & Policy for the preparation of public

expenditure profile and beneficiary incidence analysis. Two workshops have been organized to guide these Departments on Gender Budgeting concepts and studies have been initiated to examine the impact of schemes from a gender perspective.

Outstanding loans lying with sick industries

†3262. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment with regard to the amount of loans provided by Nationalized Banks and other Government financial institution of the country which is stuck in sick industries;

(b) if so, the details of loan amount of banks and other financial institution stuck in these sick units during last three years;

(c) whether above mentioned institution have recovered their loan amount after finalising pending cases in respect of these sick units during the above mentioned years; and

(d) if so, the amount of payment received during are above mentioned period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that the amount outstanding in the books of scheduled commercial banks in respect of sick industrial units in the Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is Rs. 5706.35 crores, Rs. 5284.54 crores and Rs. 5,380.13 crores, respectively. As informed by RBI, the amount outstanding in the books of scheduled commercial banks in respect of sick industrial units other than SSI sector as on March, 2003 was Rs. 29,109.89 crores.

(c) and (d) The concept of rehabilitation has been dispensed with and banks are now restructuring the accounts either under corporate debt restructuring (CDR) package/One Time Settlement Scheme or their own individual bank-wise restructuring package.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.